

are in the offing, aching to get into the fray.

Cubs beat Cubans yesterday, 15 to 1, in joke game.

Two gents have been eliminated from third base competition with the White Sox. The unfortunates are Bromwich and Baker. Manager Rowland has made the announcement that neither will stick. This is somewhat a personal disappointment to the boss, as he was strong for Bromwich, whose work he had watched in the Three-Eye league.

Neither measured up to the required standard, either in fielding or batting. Breton is a far better man defensively, and at least as good with the bat. Roth is also being groomed as a third baseman, getting his baptism yesterday. He had no fielding chances, so is still an unknown quantity.

Though Rowland opines that Russell Blackburne is to be held as a utility man, there is still a possibility that the Palmyra youth will come so strongly that he must be given a regular assignment. In either event Blackburne will give valuable service. He is an ideal utility man, as he can play shortstop as well, or better, than the majority of regulars in the American league, and has had a year of regular duty at second base. He could care for the positions of Eddie Collins or Weaver in case of injury.

Young Ray Schalk is too earnest in his work for his own good. Unless the youngster is toned down in the exhibition games he is liable to suffer a serious injury which will affect the prospects of the team during the championship season.

He tears into the spring battles as though he were in a world's series, and as a result is frequently out of the game. He recovered from an injury in time to return to harness last week, but was again injured yesterday, a fould cutting the flesh on his right thumb. That means he will be out of uniform for at least ten days,

and in the meantime teamwork will suffer, as Ray is one of the leading defensive cogs in the Sox machine.

Sox beat Portland, 10 to 6. Ed Collins, Felch and Brief each soaked two hits.

Jimmy Smith, the young shortstop candidate with Joe Tinker's Whales, has been repaired and is back in the battle line. The bump on his head has entirely healed. Smith's recovery means much to the squad as there is a strong possibility that the rookie will have many duties to perform in the coming season.

Tinker is getting older, in a baseball sense, and is more susceptible to injury. He cannot stand the long grind of a hot pennant fight. Having a fit relief man for the manager will increase the effectiveness of the squad. Smith can easily take care of the fielding, being as fast as Johnny Farrell around the keystone. The big question is his batting and he has belted the ball fairly well in practice.

Cold weather is still the order down at Shreveport. During the afternoons the Whales can get out on the field for a workout, but the chill winds in the morning confine them to the big hall in the fair grounds. That program is not conducive to good baseball training, and Tinker is worried.

The pitchers manage to get in a day's work, but the batters do not have an extensive opportunity to sharpen their eyes against real curving.

A petition for a receiver for the Indianapolis Federal league ball club has been filed in the Hoosier city, and it now appears that this team will be shifted to Newark, leaving Kansas City in possession of a franchise. President Gilmore of the Federals denies he is implicated in the receivership move in any way, but it is a safe bet it doesn't cause him any anguish, as the way is opened for a graceful escape from an embarrassing situation.

New leaders stepped into all divisions in the national bowling tourna-